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Walt Monagan,
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September 28, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

Alaska Communications Systems has shared with the Anchorage Police Department its new proposal to implement Wireless E911 Phase II on an advanced CDMA PCS network in Alaska. It is APD's understanding that the proposed handset based solution will be inherently more accurate than the network based solution previously proposed, but that implementation of the handset based solution will take longer to complete. By the end of 2003, ACS intends to replace 40% of the wireless phones in its network with GPS phones that will meet the FCC E911 requirement. ACS also intends have all of its customers converted to GPS phones by the end of 2007.

As a government agency (and as an APCO Project 38 Model City), the APD must be cautious about appearing to endorse any one company and/or its business plan. Therefore, the department's official position on this matter is as follows: The APD has no objection to ACS's decision to implement a handset based solution on an advanced CDMA network rather than implementing a network based solution on a TDMA network as originally proposed to the FCC.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Mew
Deputy Chief



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September 27, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

ACS has shared their plans to implement E911 Phase II on an advanced CDMA PCS network in Alaska by the end of 2002. We understand that a phone-based system built in Alaska, will be much less costly and inherently more accurate than a network-based solution. By the end of 2003, ACS intends to replace 40% of the wireless phones in their network with GPS phones that will meet the FCC E911 requirement. They have told us that they will have all of their customers converted to GPS phones by the end of 2007.

If ACS can deliver on the above representations to us, we would support them in their effort to install a phone-based E911 solution on their new advanced CDMA network rather than implementing a network-based solution on their TDMA network.. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Timothy J. Biggane
Director



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MAYOR

October 1, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

My staff and I recently met with representatives from Alaska Communications Systems (ACS) regarding their plans to Implement Enhanced 911 (E-911) Phase II on an advanced CDMA-PCS network throughout Alaska by the end of 2002. It is clear that a phone-based, handheld system built in Alaska will not only be inherently more accurate than a network-based solution, but will ultimately prove to be much more cost efficient.

ACS represented that they intend to replace 40% of the wireless phones in their network with GPS phones that will meet the Federal Communication Commission's E-911 requirements. They have also assured us that they will have 100% of their customers converted to GPS phones by the end of 2007.

I believe that a GPS phone-based system is the only viable option. The geographic complexities and the demographics alone dictate GPS technology as the only way to truly meet Alaska's needs.

If ACS can deliver and make true on the above representations, we stand ready to support them in their effort to install a phone-based E-911 solution on the new, advanced CDMA network rather than implementing a network-based solution on the existing TDMA network. I urge you to consider the waiver request submitted by ACS in light of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jan Henry,
Emergency Management Coordinator



City and Borough of Sitka

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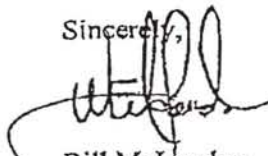
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From that meeting, ACS represented that they intend to replace 40% of the wireless phones in their network with GPS phones that will meet the Federal Communication Commission's E911 requirements. Further, they have assured us that they will have 100% of their customers converted to GPS phones by the end of 2007.

In that regard, I am thoroughly convinced that a GPS phone-based system is the only viable option. The geographic complexities and the demographics alone dictate GPS technology as the only way to truly meet Alaska's needs, especially here in southeast Alaska and in cities such as Sitka.

If ACS can deliver and make true on the above representations, we stand ready to support them in their effort to install a phone-based E911 solution on the new, advanced CDMA network rather than implementing a network-based solution on the existing TDMA network. I urge you to consider the waiver request submitted by ACS in light of this proposal.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Police

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To Whom It May Concern:

Alaska Communications Systems (ACS) has shared their plan to implement E911 Phase II on a CDMA PCS network in Alaska. By the end of 2003, ACS intends to replace 40% of the wireless phones in their network with GPS phones that will meet the FCC E911 requirement. ACS also stated they would have all their customers converted to GPS phones by the end of 2007.

The Juneau Police Department does not believe it is in the position to support nor oppose ACS' technical decisions; therefore, the Juneau Police Department withholds recommendation or endorsement of any technology or methodology related to the appropriate course of action necessary to meet their obligations to the FCC. Simply stated, we are aware of ACS' proposal and support their efforts to provide the required Phase I and Phase II information.

Sincerely,



Mel Personett
Chief of Police